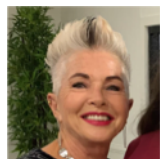


# Byron Bay Bridge Club Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with club news



NOVEMBER 2023

Greetings members,

Finally a bit of warm weather, a taste of the summer to come. Fingers crossed it isn't as extreme as expected. If your interested I can show you a simple cooling yoga breathing technique, just ask.

I feel like I haven't been around much during October. With a god daughter's visit and two weeks in a freezing cold and wet Melbourne to catch up with family I'm happy to have some warmer weather.

November to me is like the lull before the storm of December when all the craziness starts. But we still have a few happenings at our bridge club.

Our annual Charity and Memory Day is on the 10th. As usual we will support one of our local charities. This year we will be supporting the Fletcher Street Cottage which provides support, information, referral & advocacy to people at risk of homelessness and those already sleeping rough. Fletcher Street Cottage is totally funded by the community. Check out their website for more information.

We are also remembering our bridge friends that are no longer with us on the 10th We will have an opportunity for sharing if you would like to do so. If anyone has photos of members that have gone please bring them along.

Our best wishes to Patsy Brosnan for a speedy recovery after heart surgery. It may be awhile before we see Patsy and Pete back at the bridge table.

Our next committee meeting is 3rd November and Leo will send out the report of our discussion shortly afterwards.

In the meantime stay well, stay cool, enjoy whatever you do as we should all be grateful to live in a safe country like Australia.

See you around the bridge table.

*Eda*

We meet every Friday at the  
All Souls' Anglican Church Hall  
1 Ashton St Bangalow  
We ask that you be seated by 12.15pm  
for play to commence promptly at 12.30.

Table Fees

\$6 members/visitors \$10

Join us for a social time afterwards.

BYO drinks and glass

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Treasurer Greg Farrell

Committee Members: Helen Baker, Kay Milne,

**NOVEMBER**

**CHARITY & MEMORY DAY 10TH**

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL**

**FUNDRAISER BY BRINGING**

**SOME EXTRA \$'S ON THE DAY**

**WINE TASTING \$5 per person**

**FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**

**DECEMBER 8TH**

**CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA**



**HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**18th Thomas Fleming**

**21st Kay Milne**

**26th Vicki McLean**

**30th Steve Stewart**

**& any others we don't**

**know about**

## Winners of 2023 Spring Pairs



### Liz Jeffery and Carol Hocking

October 6th and 13th saw our Spring Pairs Red Point event played.  
In week 1, 21 pairs played and in week 2, 23 pairs played.  
17 pairs played both weeks and so are listed in the final.

Round 1 was won by:

Clive Klugman and William Keyte with runners up:

Brian Sundstrom and Fay Bogg.

Round 2 was won by:

Liz Jeffery and Carol Hocking

With runners up:

Pin Sultas and Kath Morgan.

Congratulations to our winners:

Liz Jeffery and Carol Hocking

Runners up:

Brian Sundstrom and Fay Bogg.



So you're saying you're absolutely sure  
you can't play bridge with me tonight?



# Reverses or “*Breaking the Barrier*”

## 1. Introduction

A lot of people tell me “I don’t play reverses”. This is understandable from a simple perspective as you are just describing your hand shape to your partner. The problem is that you are not describing your point count accurately.

What is partner to understand from your bid? Do you have 12 points or 17 points? This can make the difference between a part score and game or game and slam.

It is important for you to recognise and understand the implications of a reverse and how it can help you and hinder you. Yes it can make life a little more complex.

## 2. What is a reverse?

Often called “breaking the barrier” for good reason. After opening and partner responding, there are a number of bids you can make to further describe your hand. Your “barrier” is 2 of your opening suit. For example, if you open 1D, your barrier is 2D. Similarly, if you open 1H your barrier is 2H.

If your bid exceeds your barrier you are telling your partner that you have a GOOD 16 or 17+ hand.

This is forcing for at least one round. This is why opener needs 17+ points for this bid. Their 17 and your 6+ will hopefully allow you to make a contract at the 3 level.

Responder can also reverse. The same rules apply for responder except they need less points because opener has shown an opening hand, all responder needs is a game force hand (12+ points) to reverse, Responder reverse is game forcing.

## 3. Another way of looking at it

A reverse was once described to me as a bid that forces partner to support my first suit at the 3 level. For example, 1C – 1S – 2H – Responder has to bid 3C to support openers first suit.

To support openers first suit:-

- 1C – 1H – 2D responder must bid 3C
- 1H – 1S – 3C responder must bid 3H
- 1D – 1NT – 2H responder must bid 3D

## 4. Yet another description

Another description is that BOTH the level and the suit need to be higher than the first bid. The examples above corroborate this description.

## 5. Examples of Openers Reverse

Here are some examples of partner reversing

♠ 3  
 ♥ A J T  
 ♦ A K 7 6  
 ♣ A Q T 9 5

You – 18 points	Partner
1C	1S
2D	

The barrier was 2C after opening 1C. Bidding 2D shows 17+ points.

♠ 5  
♥ AKQ9  
♦ AKJ76  
♣ T97

You – 17 points	Partner
1D	1S
2H	

The barrier was 2D after opening 1D. Bidding 2H shows 17+ points.

## 6. Examples of Responders Reverse

♠ AKQ85  
♥ KQ98  
♦ 6  
♣ T97

Your Partner Opens	You – 14 points
1D	1S
2D	3H

Responders barrier was 2S, by breaking the barrier responder is showing game values. Opener may also have 4H but is not be able to bid them because it would be a reverse.

♠  
♥ KQJ98  
♦ 96  
♣ AKT97

Your Partner Opens	You – 14 points
1D	1H
2D	3C

Responders barrier was 2H, by breaking the barrier responder is showing game values.

NOTE – Opener must rebid their suit for responder to reverse. If opener bid a different suit, responders reverse would be the 4<sup>th</sup> suit. Fourth suit forcing is a different concept to a reverse.

## 7. What do I bid if I cannot Reverse?

♠ 5  
♥ AKQ9  
♦ AKJ76  
♣ T97

With this hand opener plans to reverse to show 17 points and 5D and 4H.

But what if you have this hand

♠ 5  
♥ K Q 9 6  
♦ A K J 7 6  
♣ T 9 7

You open 1D and partner bids 1S. You cannot bid 2H as this is a reverse and shows 17+ points. 1NT does not look like a good idea with a singleton, so you settle for 2D. If partner is strong enough, they will make a forcing bid to uncover your 4 hearts.

Responder knows that you have 12-14 points because you did not reverse.

You cannot bid the 2 hands in the same manner. One hand shows 17 points and one 12-14. This is VERY important if you are ever going to find the correct game or slam.

## 8. Quiz

Suggested bidding solutions for the attached Quiz are available on request. Answers can vary depending on your system, style, and conventions. Send me your answers and I will send you my answers.

## 9. Conclusion

Playing “reverses” permit a partnership to describe their point count more accurately than if not playing reverses. If responder has an opening hand they will ensure that they now make a forcing bid to uncover a hidden 4 card major. If responder is weak, then playing at a lower level might be the correct bid.

# Quiz (points in brackets)

### 1. (17)

♠ 9  
♥ A Q J T  
♦ A K Q J T  
♣ 9 8 3

### 2. (13)

♠ 9  
♥ A Q J T  
♦ K Q J T 6  
♣ 9 8 3

You open	Partner Bids
1D	1S
???	

You open	Partner Bids
1D	1S
???	

### 3. (18)

♠ T 7  
♥ A 6  
♦ A Q J 7  
♣ A Q J 9 7

### 4. (14)

♠ T 7  
♥ 8 6  
♦ A Q J 7  
♣ A Q J 9 7

You open	Partner Bids
1C	1H or 1S
???	

You open	Partner Bids
1C	1H or 1S
???	

**5. (19)**

♠ 6  
♥ AKQ4  
♦ T764  
♣ AKQJ

You open	Partner Bids
1D	1S
???	

You open	Partner Bids
1D	1S
???	

**7. (14)**

♠ A Q J 8 5  
♥ A Q J T  
♦ 5  
♣ 7 6

Partner open	You Bids
1D	1S
2D	???

Partner open	You Bids
1D	1S
2D	???

Can opener have 4H?

**9. (19)**

♠ AKQ7  
♥  
♦ AKQJ T72  
♣ 65

**6. (12)**

♠ 6  
♥ Q984  
♦ T764  
♣ AKQJ

**8. (6)**

♠ QJ852  
♥ QJ T2  
♦ 5  
♣ 76

Can opener have 4H?

**10. (12)**

♠ Q873  
♥  
♦ AKQJ T72  
♣ 65

You open	Partner Bids
1D	1H
???	

You open	Partner Bids
1D	1H
???	

**11. (14)**

♠  
♥ 5 4  
♦ AKJ T 8 4  
♣ A Q 9 6 4

**12. (15)**

♠ 5  
♥ AKQ4  
♦ T 8 4  
♣ A Q 9 6 4

You open	Partner Bids
1D	1NT
???	

You open	Partner Bids
1C	1S
???	

**13. (14)**

♠ 8 6 2  
♥ AKJ 7  
♦ 7  
♣ A Q 8 7 5

**14. (18)**

♠ 8 6 2  
♥ AKJ 7  
♦ A  
♣ A Q 8 7 5

You open	Partner Bids
1C	1S
???	

You open	Partner Bids
1C	1S
???	

**15. (17)**

♠ 8 7 6 2  
♥ AKJ 7  
♦  
♣ AKQ8 7

**16. (14)**

♠ 8 7 2  
♥ KQJ 7  
♦ QJ T  
♣ KQ8

You Open 1C Partner bids 1S you ????

You 1C Partner 1D you ????

## **“MEET” PETE QUIRKE**

Eldest of three boys, growing up in both city and country environments, my memories are of roaming free – racing billy carts, picking mushrooms, building cubby huts in the bush, riding bikes, harvesting mussels, shooting arrows, beach, swimming, playing footy and endless athletics.

This good life came to a halt on failing first year Uni. My considered options were apply for Air Traffic Controller, join a mate as an Abalone diver or appeal to the Melbourne University Science Facility. The Science Facility turned me down but as a last gasp final appeal, the Professorial Board gave me another chance!

And now JM comes onto the scene to give some direction and steady the ship. Graduate and off to teach in the bush, have a couple of kids and I am ready to settle down in our little town at the base of the Snowy Mountains: 30km from ski-able snow in winter, hottest place in Victoria in summer. Great trout fishing.....but maybe there is a bigger world out there so with a gentle push from my better half we JOINED THE NAVY.

In short, with the support of the family, I had a great time for most of our 30-year Navy career. Twelve months after joining as an education officer, it was off to the UK for post graduate studies in meteorology and oceanography. While not spending a lot of time at sea, I deployed at one time or another to all oceans of the world, popped into the arctic circle and spent some time on mainland Antarctica. Have some memorable forecasting experiences - yours for a glass of red wine if interested.

After 15 years of fun and a few promotions it was time to sit behind a desk. Following a stint in charge of basic submarine training it was into the world of contracts, conferences and endless meetings. But during this time, I was proud to be given command of HMAS Penguin on Middle Harbour in Sydney. Eventually we (only two of us by now) got sucked into the Canberra millpond for the last 5 years by which time we were ready and happy to escape.

And here we are in Ocean Shores, selected on the weather, intending never to move again. After 18 years that looks promising. Grandchildren start to arrive scattered between Victoria and London and we are happy to combine visits with travel. Calling into a foreign port as a sailor can be an experience but going back to meander around the countryside has been an unplanned delight. I always wanted to play bridge but could never commit the time. Four weeks into retirement and I was back in the classroom listening to the dulcet tones of Mr Gary Lynn. Overdosed for 6 months before backing off when my non-playing partner suggested that we might spend some time together on the golf course, bowling green or even enjoy the occasional lunch. Now a much wiser person, having assimilated back into the civilian community, I readily agreed.

I am not sure how I got involved in teaching basic bridge but it has been a particular pleasure and privilege. A good number of the 60 odd starters, like me, have found the game a compelling activity and enjoy the company of a diverse group of personalities. Some now give me gentle instruction.



**BYRON BAY BRIDGE CLUB  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**“HIGH AFTERNOON TEA”**

**FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER  
FROM 12.30PM**

(Please be seated by 12.15pm)

**DRESS AS IF IT'S CHRISTMAS**

**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF BRIDGE  
with  
LUCKY TABLE SEAT**

**BRIDGE FUN & GAMES WITH PRIZES**

**AN EXTENDED AFTERNOON HIGH TEA  
(Complimentary beer, wine, champagne  
and soft drinks provided)**

**FOLLOWED BY MORE BRIDGE**

**(PLEASE LET CLAUDIA KEIRNAN  
KNOW WHAT YOU PLAN TO BRING ALONG  
FOR OUR HIGH TEA BY FRIDAY 1ST DEC)**

# Did you know?

A little reminder – based on recent incidents and questions at the club

## 1. Hesitating

When it's your turn to bid you are free to take as long as you wish to bid. If you bid or double then there is no problem. However, if you pass, then ethically your partner needs to pass. They are not permitted to use the hesitation as an indication of a difficult decision. If in doubt call the director for a decision – do it immediately, prior to the play. This will reserve your rights once the play is complete.

For example, if the bidding goes

North	East	South	West
1H	1S	3H	3S
Pass*	Pass	4H	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Norths' long hesitation after 3S, tells South they have a little better than a basic opening. Therefore, South went ahead and bid 4H. Why did South not bid 4H in the first place? Did they use unauthorised information from Norths hesitation?

If I was called to this table, I would look at Souths hand and decide if they did in fact have a 4H bid or whether they had already bid their hand with 3H.

The contract could be settled with East-West bidding and making 3S after North-South have played the hand in Hearts.

Be careful of hesitating and passing.

## 2. 2C opening – alert this bid

Unless this is long clubs, this bid needs to be alerted. Any bid that does not show the suit you mean is alterable. The only exception is below.

## 3. 1NT – 2C – do not alert this bid

Do not alert this bid in an uncompetitive auction – it is illegal to do so, even if it is not Stayman. Yes, it may seem odd but it's the rules. If the bidding is competitive, ie the opposition has bid, then the 2C is alterable.

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	2C	

Do not alert this 2C bid.

North	East	South	West
1H	1NT	Pass	2C*

Alert this 2C bid.

**Article by Clive Klugman**



### **OCTOBER WEEKLY PAIR WINNERS**

6th 1st Clive Klugman & William Keyte  
2nd Brian Sundstrom & Fay Bogg

13th 1st Liz Jeffrey & Carol Hocking  
2nd Pin Sultas & Kath Morgan

20th N/S Clive Klugman & William Keyte  
E/W Liz Jeffrey & Carol Hocking

27th N/S Pin Sultas & Leo Prendergast  
E/W Ian Pick & Graham Carson

### **OCTOBER HANDICAP PAIRS WINNERS**

6th Judy Baker & Edith Maculay

13th Pat Kranz & Peter Baldwin

20th N/S Eda Bridgeman & Eric Bridgeman  
E/W Helen Case & Norm Case

27th N/S Pin Sultas & Leo Prendergast  
E/W Steve Stewart & Neil McKenzie



## Help us support Byron's rough sleepers

Donate to Fletcher Street Cottage and support our local rough sleepers with essential services, wraparound support and hope. Empower our locals experiencing homelessness.

### SPECIAL REQUEST BY BARB MEANEY FROM BALLINA BRIDGE CLUB

As you are all aware our club plays up the road from the Feros Aged Care Facility. There are a number of residents that play bridge but are unable to leave the care unit but would still like to play some bridge. If you & your partner are happy to play occasionally Please contact Barb on 0447 345 944 Barb would love to hear from you. This is NOT an ongoing committment



Canadian champion [Audrey Grant](#) joins us to talk about taking bridge on the road in her Winnebago, some luminaries she's met along the way, and the joy she gets from teaching. Plus, she shares her top tip for developing players. But first, we kibitz!

